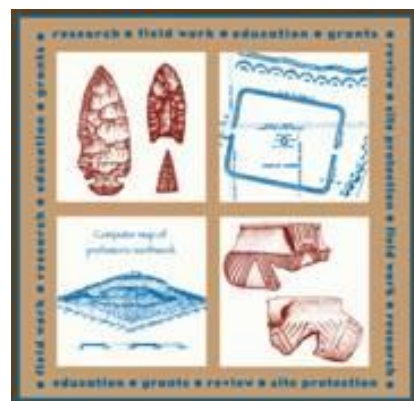


Archaeology News



- *from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA)*

June 2012

- **Changes in Supervision-** Effective May 15, Dr. James Glass, Division Director, will be assuming on an interim basis supervision of environmental reviews in the division, including Section 106 reviews and archaeological aspects of IC 14-21-1.
- **Call for Electronic Versions of Archaeological Reports-** In December, the DHPA announced additions to the State Historic Architectural and Archaeological Research Database, or SHAARD, which included the option to upload Archaeological reports. As many of you are aware, we have a backlog of archaeological reports which need to be entered into SHAARD. In an effort to expedite the data entry, we are asking that those of you that have versions of the reports previously submitted for Indiana projects add those to SHAARD.



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Rachel Sharkey at 317-234-5254 or RSharkey@dnr.IN.gov. Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation with this project.

- **T.C. Steele State Historic Site Work Day-** On May 14, 2012, DHPA staff partnered with the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites and conducted a work day at the home of artist T.C. Steele, in Brown County. The project involved the replacement of an arbor, landscape-type work, and prepping the kitchen of the main house for painting. Cathy Draeger-Williams represented the Archaeology Team at the work day. To learn more about this site, go to <http://www.indianamuseum.org/sites/tcst.html> and <http://www.tcsteele.org/>.
- **Outreach in Marion County-** DHPA Archaeologists Cathy Draeger-Williams and Rachael Sharkey were invited to speak on Indiana archaeology at the Marquette Manor Retirement Center. On June 19th, they will share information about the early peoples of Indiana.

- **National Register nominations**- For those who might work on preparing National Register of Historic Places nominations for archaeological sites, there is information on revisions to the National Register form as well as redacting information available on the National Park Service's webpage. The April 12th, 2012 portion of the website (<http://www.nps.gov/nr/publications/guidance/pastwebinars.htm>) provides a Powerpoint presentation and other helpful information.
- **Indiana Archaeology Month** - September will be Indiana Archaeology Month, and we encourage you to organize and host an event. If you already know that you will be hosting an event, feel free to go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/4288.htm> and click on the link that says *Event Host Confirmation Form*. There you will find the official form to complete and return to our office so that your event(s) can be included in the official Calendar of Events for Archaeology Month. If you have any questions about planning or hosting an event, feel free to contact our Archaeology Outreach Coordinator, Amy Johnson, and 317/232-6982 or ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov.
- **Archaeological site of the Month**- Archaeological investigations of the Ben Schroeder Saddletree Factory and Residence (12Je507) in Madison have yielded important information about this southern Indiana site. As is stated on the webpage of Historic Madison, Inc., "For 94 years workers at the Ben Schroeder Saddletree Company crafted tens of thousands of wooden frames for saddle makers throughout the United States and Latin America. It was the nation's longest lasting, continually operated, family owned saddletree company." The artifacts and other data recovered by Ball State University archaeologists provided information regarding the chronology of building placement, aspects of landscape utilization, and an understanding of both domestic and industrial activities at this unique place. To learn more about this site and its fascinating history, go to: http://www.historicmadisoninc.com/saddletree_museum.htm, and <http://cms.bsu.edu/Academics/CentersandInstitutes/AppliedArchaeology/Publications/55ContdSchroederEval.aspx>.
- **Cemetery Workshop**- DHPA Records Check Coordinator Rachel Sharkey participated in the 2012 Basic Cemetery Preservation Workshop at Old Southport Cemetery and Bethel Community Church in Southport, Indiana (May 18th). The event, coordinated by the Indiana Historical Society and DHPA, is both informative and hands-on, giving attendees classroom time where they learn about gravestone symbolism, research methods, and legal issues concerning cemeteries and then applied time learning preservation techniques and how to identify stones in a real cemetery setting. To learn more, go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3792.htm>.

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- **Excavation in Montgomery County**- The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology approved a plan under Indiana Code 14-21-1 for limited archaeological scientific investigations at the General Lew Wallace Study and Museum. Rachel Sharkey, DHPA Records Check Coordinator, attended and volunteered at the recent History Beneath Us Public Archaeology Day excavations. Since 2010 the University of Indianapolis (UIndy) has been working alongside staff from the General Lew Wallace Study and Museum in Crawfordsville in an effort to learn more about one of Indiana's most famous citizens. To learn more about this archaeological project and historic location, go to <http://wallacestudy.blogspot.com/2012/05/history-beneath-us.html> and <http://www.ben-hur.com/>. In addition, check out the feature on this archaeological project in the next volume of the journal *Indiana Archaeology* which will be available later this year.



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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3674.htm>

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Mission Statement: *The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology promotes the conservation of Indiana's cultural resources through public education efforts, financial incentives including several grant and tax credit programs, and the administration of state and federally mandated legislation.*

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THE INDIANA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND ARCHAEOLOGY:

- Provides protection and preservation of Indiana's finite and fragile archaeological resources
- Implements the state law providing protection for archaeological sites and human remains
- Reviews, evaluates and comments upon projects that may affect archaeological resources
- Maintains standards and guidelines for archaeology in Indiana and provides technical assistance
- Promotes public education about the science through publications, training and presentations
- Offers grant funds for archaeological projects
- Maintains the repository of archaeological records and state site database